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POWER PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT INOTA

Construction of an electric power plant was begun in March at Inota, Feger County. A total of 18,000 cubic meters of earth were removed from a trench 5 meters wide, 3 meters deep, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers long, dug around the site to drain off the spring rains. The first structures erected were 30ton, 20-meter-high ferroconcrete pillars arranged closely together. These were erected by two 30-ton and two 60-ton cranes.

A 60-meter-high, 160-meter-diameter cooling tower is being built, and the framework of the turbine house, the 40-meter ferroconcrete connecting beams of which are now under construction, can already be seen kilometers away. One such beam will also be used as a connecting girder in the boiler house, the turbine house, and the feed house. A 100-meter-high smokestack will be erected behind the turbine house. A 20,000-cubic-meter section of building will be completed by the end of the year and production of electric power will begin in part of the plant next year.

By 1954 the plant will be producing electricity from low-calorie brown coal. Although the plant will have six- to eight-story-high boilers in operation, no smoke will be seen coming from the two factory-type smokestacks. Plant workers will live in 52 houses constructed nearby, or commute by bus to a newly constructed industrial community which will accommodate a population of 12,000.

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